



## REBEL ATROCITIES METED ON DURANGO

Hundreds of Women and Girls  
Outraged, Foreigners At-  
tacked and Banks and  
Stores Sacked.

### AMERICAN EYEWITNESS

ells Story to State Department  
—Confirms Henry L. Wilson,  
and Says Our Countrymen  
Are Signing Petition to  
England for Aid.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Aug. 6.—M. A. Leach, a  
San Francisco business man, with in-  
terests in Mexico, accompanied by  
representative Julius Kahn, of Cali-  
fornia, gave to the State Department  
today a statement that comprised a  
vivid account of the capture and sack-  
ing of the city of Durango.

Mr. Leach, who has lived in Mexico  
for three years, was in Durango when  
the place was taken by the rebel  
troops, and remained there for eight  
days afterward. His tale of pillaging  
shows that for several days the city  
was absolutely in the hands of the un-  
controlled soldiery of the so-called  
shells under General Urbina. An En-  
glishman was killed and several for-  
eigners were wounded. Hundreds of  
women and girls were outraged.

All this was done practically under  
the sanction of the rebel leaders, who  
gave their men as a reward for their  
services absolute freedom for twenty-  
four hours. As a matter of fact, this  
period lasted several days. The leaders  
did nothing to control the situation.

A demand that the foreign consulates  
be protected was disregarded. When  
the British Consul went to the rebel  
chief to demand punishment of those  
who killed the British subject—who  
was shot because he would not open a  
safe, the combination of which he did  
not have—he was told that nothing  
could be done, as the incident occurred  
during the twenty-four hours of license  
allotted to the men.

### View Americans as Cowards.

Mr. Leach disapproves of the attitude  
of this government, and says that  
things have come to such a pass that  
Americans in Mexico are getting up a  
petition asking England to do some-  
thing about it. He says that Ameri-  
cans are regarded as a lot of cowards  
by the Mexicans. He declares that all  
the so-called rebels, except those in the  
State of Sonora, are of the same ilk as  
those who sacked Durango.

Mr. Leach arrived in San Francisco  
on July 31 with eighty-one other Ameri-  
cans from Durango. He says that he  
thinks the people of this country and  
the administration here are not well  
informed of the situation in Mexico.  
He supports Henry Lane Wilson, and  
says that 90 per cent of the Americans  
in Mexico do the same.

Following is a portion of the state-  
ment which Mr. Leach, who is vouch-  
ered for by Representative Kahn, left  
at the State Department today:

"Living as I have for the last three  
years in the State of Chihuahua and  
in Durango, the hotbed of the trouble,  
I have been forced to go through many  
trying experiences and to witness  
many revolting spectacles. The worst,  
however, that I have ever seen was  
what took place in the city of Durango,  
after its capture on June 18, by the  
forces of Tomas Urbina, Calisto  
Contreras, Domingo and Mariano Ar-  
rieta and Orestes Perada, numbering  
in all some 4,200 so-called Maderistas.

### Stores Sacked and Burned.

"No sooner had these men entered  
the city than they began breaking into  
the cantinas (saloons), drinking  
chiquito as they found there, after  
which the wholesale sacking and loot-  
ing of the entire city began. Not a  
single store escaped being completely  
sacked. The largest store, 'La Suiza'

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## PLITT TO EXPOSE THREE 'HIGHER UP'

Becker's Man, Deserted by the  
"System," Will Tell Grand  
Jury Who Got Graft  
Police Collected.

### ONE A HEADQUARTERS MAN

Another an Inspector—Identity  
of Third Never Guessed—Ex-  
Press Agent of Doomed  
Lieutenant Released  
in \$2,500 Bail.

Charles B. Plitt, Jr., formerly known  
as a press agent for Charles Becker and  
a police informer, will go before the  
grand jury soon—probably early next  
week—to give testimony against three  
high police officials. These, according  
to Plitt, comprised the "inner circle"  
and were the "big three" to whom his  
former chief, Lieutenant Becker, paid  
over a good part of the graft collected  
by him.

District Attorney Whitman is satis-  
fied that Plitt is telling the truth. At  
first he took Plitt's story with a gen-  
erous grain of salt. Plitt himself is  
accused of perjury as the result of  
statements he made on the stand when  
he was tried and acquitted of the mur-  
der of Waverly Carter, a negro, who  
was shot in a raid made by the "strong  
arm" squad of Lieutenant Becker.

By the hardest kind of work, how-  
ever, District Attorney Whitman and  
his assistants, Frederick J. Groehl and  
Walter R. Deuel, have found three  
supporting witnesses. Two of the wit-  
nesses may be considered accomplices,  
but District Attorney Whitman is sat-  
isfied that he has a case which at least  
merits investigation by the grand jury.

If the grand jury takes the same  
view of the case that the District At-  
torney does, indictments will be re-  
turned against three men. It will be  
impossible to indict one without indi-  
cting all three.

### Accuses Three "Higher Up."

One of the three is now at Police  
Headquarters, where he occupies an  
important position. Another is now an  
inspector. The identity of the third  
man has never been guessed. He was  
not included in the preliminary state-  
ment made by Plitt.

Plitt says that they all took a share  
of the graft that was paid to Lieu-  
tenant Becker. He names times and  
places where the money was paid. Cor-  
roboration sufficient to warrant a grand  
jury inquiry has been found. More is  
expected.

The trend the case had taken was  
apparent yesterday, when it was  
learned that Plitt's bail had been re-  
duced from \$10,000 to \$2,500. The bail  
was reduced by Judge Rosinsky, in  
General Sessions, on Monday. The  
\$2,500 bail was furnished on Tuesday  
by the Illinois Surety Company, and  
for the first time since his arrest, more  
than a month ago, Plitt spent a day at  
liberty yesterday.

The District Attorney approved of  
the reduction of bail for two reasons.  
One was that Plitt at liberty was in a  
much better position to aid in getting  
confirmation of his story, and the sec-  
ond was that Plitt had "made good"  
and there was no further reason for  
holding him under prohibitive bail.

By many the acquittal of Plitt in the  
Carter murder case was held to be in  
a measure responsible for the murder  
of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler,  
at the behest of Lieutenant Charles  
Becker.

### Becker "Pul" Found Wanting.

Two detectives who had worked un-  
der Lieutenant Becker were assigned to  
the case. They reported to the Dis-  
trict Attorney that it was impossible  
to fix the crime upon any one. Finally  
the negroes of Harlem took the matter  
up, and on the same day that Max-  
strate Appleton discharged Plitt in the  
police court, upon testimony which  
against him upon testimony which  
Theron D. Strong, head of the District  
Attorney's homicide bureau, and pro-  
cess servers had gathered without the  
aid of the police.

Plitt was rearrested and put on trial  
for his life. Members of Lieutenant  
Becker's squad testified in his defense.  
It was evident that the police were on  
his side. He was acquitted.

The impression got abroad that  
Becker had been able to shield Plitt.  
That added to Becker's prestige among  
a certain type of gangmen and gunmen,  
and when the proposition was made to  
"Bald Jack" Rose to put Herman Ro-  
senthal out of the way, and he in turn  
hired four gunmen to do the job, it did  
not appear so unreasonable that the  
all-powerful Becker might shield them.

Whether it was the effort of Becker  
that resulted in Plitt's acquittal or not,  
he did not offer to help Rose or his  
hired men when they were caught, and  
consequently they turned on Becker. Now  
Becker is in the death house at Sing  
Sing.

Now Plitt finds himself again in the  
toils, and no one has offered to come to  
his assistance. Plitt, like the other  
tools of Becker who saw themselves  
facing punishment, has turned not only  
against Becker, whom he cannot harm,  
but also against the others.

### HONDURAS ACCEPTS PEACE PACT

Washington, Aug. 6.—American Minister  
White, at Tegucigalpa, notified the State  
Department today that Honduras has be-  
come the twenty-sixth nation to accept  
President Wilson's peace pact, with the  
details suggested by Secretary Bryan.

For your appetite, try half a wingless  
ANGOSTURA BITTERS before meals—  
Advt.

## FIGURES IN THE SULZER CAMPAIGN INQUIRY.

(Sketches by a Tribune artist.)



SENATOR J.J. FRAWLEY

## SULZER, FOES HINT, USED HIS CAMPAIGN CASH IN WALL ST.

Evidence in Frawley Hearing  
Points to Accusation That  
Governor Speculated with  
a \$50,000 Fund.

### MAY INDICT, NOT IMPEACH

Direct Violation of Election  
Laws, Carrying Penalties of  
Fine or Imprisonment, Is  
Now Alleged by the  
Investigators.

### BROKERS BALK AT QUERIES

Refuse to Answer Vital Questions  
as to the Accused Official's Deal-  
ings with Them Since Can-  
didacy—May Be Forced  
to Explain.

The Frawley committee, sitting in  
the Board of Estimate room at the  
City Hall yesterday, put up to Gov-  
ernor Sulzer by question and inference  
as well as by documentary evidence  
the practical accusation that he had  
used a fund of almost \$50,000 given  
to him as campaign contributions for  
Wall Street speculation and to swell  
his private bank account.

In the trend of the inquiry those  
who have followed this Tammany at-  
tack on Sulzer found that the legis-  
lators who are probing into both his  
private and public activities are now  
pointing toward indictment rather than  
impeachment.

The connecting links of the evidence  
are still to be supplied, but Eugene  
Lamb Richards, counsel to the com-  
mittee, said last night that the gaps in  
the story would be filled up shortly, and  
that the committee would show that  
Sulzer's heavy personal bank deposits,  
as well as a speculation fund of \$11,-  
800, were made up of money con-  
tributed to him for campaign purposes.  
Sulzer's account with the stock  
brokerage firm of Fuller & Gray was  
carried under the "blind name" of "Ac-  
count No. 500."

Arthur L. Fuller, Melville E. Fuller  
and F. W. Colwell, witnesses wanted  
by the Senate committee to throw light  
on the Governor's market transactions  
under the ledger designation of "Ac-  
count No. 500," delayed the proceed-  
ings somewhat by refusing to answer  
vital questions aimed to establish  
finally the Sulzer connection. They  
were held under subpoena, and Senator  
Frawley informed them that Mr.  
Richards would take the matter be-  
fore a court to convince them that they  
must either answer or be cited for  
contempt.

These broker witnesses were especial-  
ly emphatic in their refusal to an-  
swer questions designed to show that  
some of them had gone to Albany to  
confer with Governor Sulzer as soon  
as they were subpoenaed, and they  
were determined to protect Sulzer as  
every possible step.

### His Bank Accounts Compared.

The bank account history of the  
Sulzer campaign for the Governorship,  
however, was easily and quickly put  
upon the record of the inquiry. It  
summed up, briefly, in this fashion:

William Sulzer's account in the  
Farmers Loan and Trust Company:

September 1, 1912	\$1,112.58
January 1, 1913	22,527.47

William Sulzer's account of campaign  
fund in Mutual Alliance Trust Com-  
pany, in name of Louis A. Sarecky, his  
private secretary:

October 1, 1912	\$190.05
November 12, 1912	12,405.92

In connection with this latter account  
Mr. Richards read into the record the  
following letter from Sulzer to the  
Mutual Alliance Trust Company, dated  
October 22, 1912:

"This is to inform you that I have  
authorized my private secretary, Mr.  
Louis A. Sarecky, to endorse my name  
to any checks donated to my campaign  
fund, and to deposit same to his credit.  
Very truly yours,

"WILLIAM SULZER."

The Frawley investigators, who were  
first credited with the aim of impeach-  
ing the Governor, have come to the  
point, because of the developments of  
the last few days, where they believe  
that they can indict him for a violation  
of the election laws.

Section 546 of the election laws pro-  
vides that within twenty days after  
election a candidate shall file a state-  
ment setting forth "all the receipts, ex-  
penditures, disbursements and liabilities,"  
and that "in each case it shall in-  
clude the amount received, the name of  
the person or committee from whom  
received, the date of its receipt, the  
amount of every expenditure or dis-  
bursement exceeding \$5, the name of  
the persons or committee to whom it  
was made, and the date thereof."

Violation of this statute is a misde-  
meanor, punishable by a year's impris-  
onment, or a \$1,000 fine, or both.  
Mr. Richards, for the committee, said  
last night that there were several of  
Sulzer's campaign contributions in Eu-  
rope at present, but he expected to get  
their stories into the record before long.  
He also expects to disclose other brok-  
erage accounts.

### A Loser in Market.

The one brought out yesterday shows  
that "Account No. 500," which was

## WHITMAN TO ACCEPT TO-DAY, SAY FRIENDS

District Attorney Himself An-  
nounces That He Believes  
the Fusion Situation Will  
Be Cleared Up Then.

### PLEADS WITH REPUBLICANS

Confident of His Ability to Win  
Full Party Support for  
Mitchel and Prevent Nom-  
ination of Third Ticket  
in Any Event.

"I will make a statement to-morrow,  
and I believe the fusion situation will  
be cleared up by that time."

District Attorney Whitman's decla-  
ration to this effect last night, after con-  
ferring practically all day with the Re-  
publican and fusion leaders, was taken  
to mean that he would accept the nomi-  
nation by the fusion committee. It  
was understood that his delay in mak-  
ing such an announcement was due en-  
tirely to the pressure brought to bear  
on him by certain Republican leaders  
to repudiate the Mitchel ticket and his  
own efforts to harmonize the warring  
Republican elements for fusion.

The District Attorney was ready to  
make the announcement that he would  
stick to the fusion ticket yesterday. It  
was said, but he already had promised  
to meet delegations and individuals to-  
day for further discussion of the situa-  
tion.

Members of the executive committee  
of the County Republican Committee  
were in conference with Mr. Whitman  
until late last night at his home, No.  
37 Madison avenue. Some of them  
were still insistent that he owed it to  
the Republican organization to decline  
the fusion nomination. It was expected,  
however, that their objections  
would be overcome to a large degree  
to-day.

### Strong Talk Called "Bluffing."

Men of the prominence of Herbert  
Parsons, former chairman of the Re-  
publican County Committee, and Sam-  
uel S. Koenig, the present chairman,  
put it squarely up to the District At-  
torney, it was understood, that the  
nomination of Mitchel by the fusion  
committee was a direct slap at Whit-  
man and the Republican organization,  
and that if he stood by the fusion  
ticket the Republicans not only would  
repudiate him here, but that it would  
mean his usefulness had ended as a  
factor in the party organization.

Mr. Whitman's friends, it was said,  
considered such strong talk more or  
less in the nature of "bluffing," and  
were confident the Republican leaders  
who made it could be placated.

Those close to Mr. Whitman yester-  
day said the District Attorney believed  
his duty lay in supporting fusion in the  
fight against Tammany under any cir-  
cumstances. His friends said this was  
his frame of mind before he went to  
New Hampshire last week, whether he  
was nominated for Mayor or not, but  
that he was surprised and almost be-  
wildered at the opposition he found in  
the Republican ranks upon his return.

He realized, it was said, that unless  
the Republican organization, or a large  
part of it, was brought into the fusion  
fold the fusion movement would be use-  
less, and it was his chief concern and  
constant effort since his return to ac-  
complish this result.

That his success was considerable in  
that direction, his friends said, was evi-  
denced by his declaration last night. It  
was understood, however, that one of  
the propositions in connection with Mr.  
Whitman's decision to remain on the  
fusion ticket was that the Republicans  
would have a larger representation of  
candidates on the county ticket than  
was at first intended. There may even  
be a change made in the city fusion  
ticket, it was said.

It was surmised that such a change

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### FOUR-FOOT FALL FATAL

Workman Drops from Staging  
and Dies Two Hours Later.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)  
Boston, Aug. 6.—A fall of four feet  
caused fatal injuries to Frank Rogers  
in Hyde Park this morning. He was  
working on a house, when he acci-  
dentally slipped from a staging, four  
feet from the ground.

Rogers was taken to the Hyde Park  
General Hospital, where his injuries  
were diagnosed as contusions of the  
head and left shoulder. Two hours  
later he died.

### SLEZAK ALMOST DROWNED

Companion in Rowboat Disas-  
ter, Fritz Sturmfeld, Dies.

Tegernsee, Bavaria, Aug. 6.—A yacht  
in which Fritz Sturmfeld and Leo  
Slezak, two well known operatic tenors,  
were sailing on the lake here to-day  
was overturned, and Sturmfeld was  
drowned. Slezak clung to the boat and  
was rescued.

Sturmfeld was a member of the  
Royal Opera at Leipzig. He made a  
concert tour in the United States in  
1911. Slezak is well known in the  
United States, having sung at the  
Metropolitan Opera House in New York  
and in concerts in various cities.

### SENATOR GOT SPEEDER OFF

Wagner Explained His Sick  
Baby Was in Car.

Charles Keuchler, thirty-two years  
old, of No. 503 Park avenue, chauffeur  
for State Senator Robert Wagner, was  
arrested yesterday for violating the  
new speed law. Sentence was sus-  
pended by Magistrate Freschi in  
Morristown court later in the day.

Senator Wagner appeared in court  
and explained that Keuchler was  
hurrying with Mrs. Wagner and the  
Wagner baby to the doctor's house, as  
the child suddenly became ill. Sena-  
tor Wagner said he was in the ma-  
chine at the time and appealed to the  
chauffeur to hasten.

### TRIPLETS AND 22 TWINS

All of Same Father by Three  
Wives, Each a Twin.

Washington, Aug. 6.—One of the  
most remarkable family histories on  
record was contained in a letter re-  
ceived to-day from Dr. William War-  
ren, of St. Joseph, Mo., by the Com-  
missioner of Pensions, who had asked  
for data so that a readjustment in Dr.  
Warren's pension might be made under  
the new law.

"My father," Dr. Warren wrote, "had  
twenty-five children by three wives,  
who were sisters, and of whom the first  
two wives were twins. The third wife  
also was one of twins. My mother had  
triplets, three boys, of whom I was  
one. She had no other children. All  
the other wives' children were twins.

"In all, of the three wives, there were  
thirteen boys, all of whom were sol-  
diers. All of the twenty-five children  
are dead but myself."

Dr. Warren is seventy-six years old.  
He will get a pension increase.

## HEADACHE DRIVES RICH SOCIETY MAN TO DEATH

No Other Reason Apparent for  
Louis E. Laroque's Drown-  
ing Himself in Sound.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)  
Port Jefferson, Long Island, Aug. 6.—  
That Louis E. Laroque, son of Joseph  
Laroque, who was a prominent New  
York lawyer, committed suicide early  
this morning by throwing himself from  
the end of Darling's dock into the  
waters of Long Island Sound was the  
opinion of the authorities here to-night,  
although no motive for the rich society  
man's act was found.

Coroner Gibson, who tried to cloak  
the circumstances leading up to the  
death of Laroque with mystery, said  
there would be no inquest into Mr.  
Laroque's death, nor any autopsy.

The Coroner refused to make known  
the name of Mr. Laroque's chauffeur,  
who sat in an automobile a few feet  
away while his employer drowned.

"I am satisfied that Laroque com-  
mitted suicide by drowning while suf-  
fering from a temporary attack of  
mental aberration. That's all there is  
to it, and that ends this case," was the  
gist of Coroner Gibson's statement.

He refused to comment further on the  
case, beyond saying that Laroque had  
complained of having a headache  
shortly before his death.

### Unusual Features in Evidence.

There are unusual features connected  
with the finding of the body in Long  
Island Sound. Within fifteen minutes  
after Laroque was reported to have  
jumped from the end of Darling's dock  
his dead body was found floating in the  
water eighty feet from the end of the  
pier.

When the dead man's body was  
brought ashore a physician worked  
over it for two hours. This was the  
only physical examination of Lar-  
oque's body made. Coroner Gibson  
refused to call another physician. Be-  
cause of the Coroner's determination to  
hold no autopsy the mystery of why  
Laroque's body floated instead of  
sinking will remain unsolved.

Laroque, who was thirty-nine years  
old, was a brother of Joseph Laroque,  
Jr., of the law firm of Choate, Lar-  
oque & Mitchell. Mrs. Henry C.  
Tinker and Mrs. Howard L. Thomas,  
of No. 443 Park avenue, and Mrs. An-  
derson, who died several years ago,  
were his sisters.

Recently Laroque completed a trip  
around the world, and since then lived  
at Southampton. Three days ago he  
went to visit George Vingut, brother of  
Harry K. Vingut, Mayor Gaynor's son-  
in-law, at Vingut's home, in Setauket,  
near Port Jefferson. He made the  
journey from Southampton to Setauket  
in his own automobile, driven by his  
chauffeur, whose name Coroner Gibson  
suppressed.

Last night, according to the Coroner,  
Laroque complained of having a  
severe headache. He used various

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### RECOVER STOLEN JEWELS

Police Arrest Burglar and Find  
His Rich Booty.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)  
Philadelphia, Aug. 6.—The police offi-  
cials of this city have recovered thou-  
sands of dollars' worth of gems and  
jewelry stolen from the homes of  
Alexis L. du Pont and W. W. Laird,  
of Wilmington, Del., and Miss Mary K.  
Gibson, of Wynnewood, Penn.

On Monday the officers arrested a  
young man who gave his name as Cor-  
nellius C. Strait, of Bridgeville, Del.,  
who confessed that he had committed  
robberies in Wilmington and at the  
home of Miss Gibson